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The Honorable Carl Hayden
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to appear yesterday before the Senate Appropriations Committee in support of my request for the balance of funds authorized for the Central Intelligence Agency's new headquarters building. The testimony by the various interested factions concerning the location of our building illustrates the practical impossibility of selecting a site which would satisfy everyone. After the most careful study of every suggestion received, we selected the Langley site as the one best suited to our needs and it was approved by the official Governmental planning bodies with which we are required by law to consult. Any change in the site at this late date would involve repetition of a long and tedious process and would delay our whole project, including the evacuation of our temporary buildings, by a year or more, as well as risk still further rises in construction costs. Since the rustic setting at Langley will permit austere construction, it seems reasonably certain that another site requiring the acquisition of expensive property on which to build and ornamental embellishments in keeping with other Government buildings would cost many more millions of dollars.

As indicated in my presentation to your Committee, approval of the \$19,000,000 requested is essential in order that we may proceed with our final architectural plans and construction with a minimum of delay.

If there are any further questions which I can answer, I am at your disposal.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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